

SAYS PAROCHIAL RIDER 'OUTRIGHT BLACKMAIL'

Tiscornia Awards For Two

Ausco Workers' Children Get Scholarships

Seniors from Benton Harbor and Hartford high schools have been awarded James W. Tiscornia scholarships by the Tiscornia Foundation Inc., St. Joseph. The scholarships are valued at \$3,000 each.

Receiving the awards were Eunice Fay Thomas, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. Thomas, 856 Thresher avenue, Benton Harbor, and Bruce Martens, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martens, 212 Michigan avenue, Hartford.

Lester C. Tiscornia, president of the Foundation and the Auto Specialties Manufacturing company, made the announcements.

HIGH ACADEMIC RECORD

The awards are presented yearly to youngsters of employees of the firm or other qualified applicants who graduate from area high schools with a high academic record.

Miss Thomas' father is employed in the firm's Edgewater foundry as a service man on the automatic molding line.

The Benton Harbor high school senior plans on attending Western Michigan university and expects to major in psychology to eventually enter the social work field.

A member of the National Math club, Miss Thomas has been active in the school choir, year book staff, pep club, art club, Y-teens, Candy Strippers, church choir and youth activities.

Martens is the valedictorian of his class in Hartford high school. He has maintained a straight A average.

He plans to attend Michigan State university in September and seeks to specialize in engineering. He is a member and treasurer of the National Honor Society; was class president in his freshman and junior years; vice-president in his sophomore year; a member of the Hartford band and band drum major for two years. He has been active in Boy Scouts, Little League baseball and church choir.

PRINTING SUPERVISOR

Martens' father is the supervisor in the Ausco printing department in the St. Joseph plant.

The James W. Tiscornia scholarship awards were established in 1952 to provide an opportunity for higher education.

Since the start of the awards, including this year's grants, a total of \$109,752 has been awarded to 39 students. The choice of school can be made by the recipient but scholastic and moral standards of the school chosen must be maintained.

The two 1969 winners were selected and presented to the foundation by the scholarship committee consisting of Dr. W. Davies, chairman; Kenneth J.

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RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS: Bruce Martens, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martens, 121 Michigan avenue, Hartford, and Eunice Fay Thomas, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. Thomas, 856 Thresher avenue, Benton Harbor have been awarded \$3,000 scholarships by the Tiscornia Foundation Inc. Lester C. Tiscornia, center, president of Auto Specialties Manufacturing company, St. Joseph, announced the winners of the annual James W. Tiscornia scholarship awards.

Tobias Criticizes Mayor's Statement

Mayor Pro-Tem 'Shocked' By Merger Idea

Mayor Pro-Tem C. A. (Toby) Tobias of St. Joseph said today he was "shocked" at Mayor W. H. (Duke) Ehrenberg's proposal to merge Twin City area public safety departments.

Tobias' statement followed Mayor Ehrenberg's comments at a Twin City Area Chamber of Commerce-sponsored meeting of government officials and Chamber members Tuesday night at Howard Johnson's restaurant.

Fortas Won't Talk About \$20,000 Fee

BOSTON (AP) — Supreme Court Justice Abe Fortas pushed aside the questions of newsmen Thursday night about his acceptance and later return of a \$20,000 fee from the family foundation of imprisoned financier Louis Wolfson.

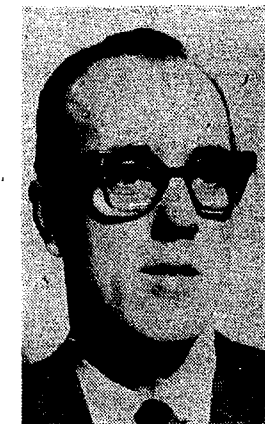
Fortas, making his first public appearance since disclosure of the fee last Sunday in Life magazine article, delivered an address at Northwestern University on the generation gap and campus unrest.

"To quote, 'I am not talking about putting everything together right at this moment, but . . .'" Tobias continued.

"I think it behooves the mayor to confer with the rest of the St. Joseph city commission, and feel out the people of our city before making such a ludicrous statement," Tobias wrote.

"Myself, as a city commissioner and taxpayer in the City of St. Joseph, am not in agreement with Mayor Ehrenberg on this subject, nor will I ever agree to any such folly," Tobias continued.

"It comes as a surprise to me that he would make such a statement. I am not sure how the rest of the commissioners feel about this, and I am sure his statement does not reflect



C.A. 'TOBY' TOBIAS
Critical Of Mayor

the consensus of opinion of the residents of our city, good Ole St. Joe," he concluded.

Ehrenberg said today: "It is not the intention to make the community one big town, but to work for efficiency in government and save the taxpayers money. There are numerous duplications in public safety services such as four different police radio operations going 24 hours a day in the community."

Prexy Resigns

NEW YORK (AP) — Dr. Buell G. Gallagher submitted his resignation today as president of embattled City College of New York.

Gallagher asked the Board of Higher Education to relieve him by Monday morning as head of the school which has experienced two days of student fighting, vandalism and arson.

Bursley Asks Vote By Public

Will Fight To Defeat Amendment

LANSING (AP) — Republican State Senator Gilbert Bursley of Ann Arbor Thursday termed addition of a parochial rider to the state school aid bill "outright blackmail" and urged the question of aid to nonpublic schools be put to a popular vote.

House Republican Leader Robert Waldron of Grosse Pointe, meanwhile, questioned the propriety of adding parochial to the school aid bill.

The House Appropriations Committee earlier this week reported out the Senate-approved school aid bill with \$100,000 tacked on for nonpublic schools.

"If aid to nonpublic schools is to be provided, the people themselves should have a chance to vote on an issue of such deep constitutional significance and basic policy," said Sen. Bursley.

'OUTRIGHT BLACKMAIL'

"To include parochial aid language with a token appropriations in the school aid bill is outright blackmail," he said.

"It puts one in the position of voting against public education in order to oppose parochial aid."

Bursley offered a constitutional amendment, cosigned by three other senators, that would put the controversial issue on the November 1970 ballot.

The amendment would specify that the Legislature "shall maintain and support a system of free public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools." The Michigan Constitution now says only that the state shall support a public school system.

Bursley said if the issue were placed on the ballot—by a two-thirds vote of both House—he would "actively work to see that it is defeated in the ensuing election."

A cosponsor of the resolution, Sen. James Gray, D-Warren, said the parochial question has elicited mass mailing and petition drives "that make it difficult to know the will of the people without some concrete indication."

"Under the present system," he said, "pressure groups and lobbyists may prevail upon the Legislature to pass laws which are not supported by the public."

"Any question of such importance (as parochial funds to the school aid bill) might 'ultimately kill' or delay it."

"The school aid money has already been delayed long enough," he said. "Last year at this time it was law, and schools knew much money they had and could begin contract negotiations for this coming fall."

Waldron asked Speaker William Ryah, D-Detroit—an avowed parochial supporter—to rule on whether the parochial amendment might be considered before all the governor's appropriations bills had been acted upon.

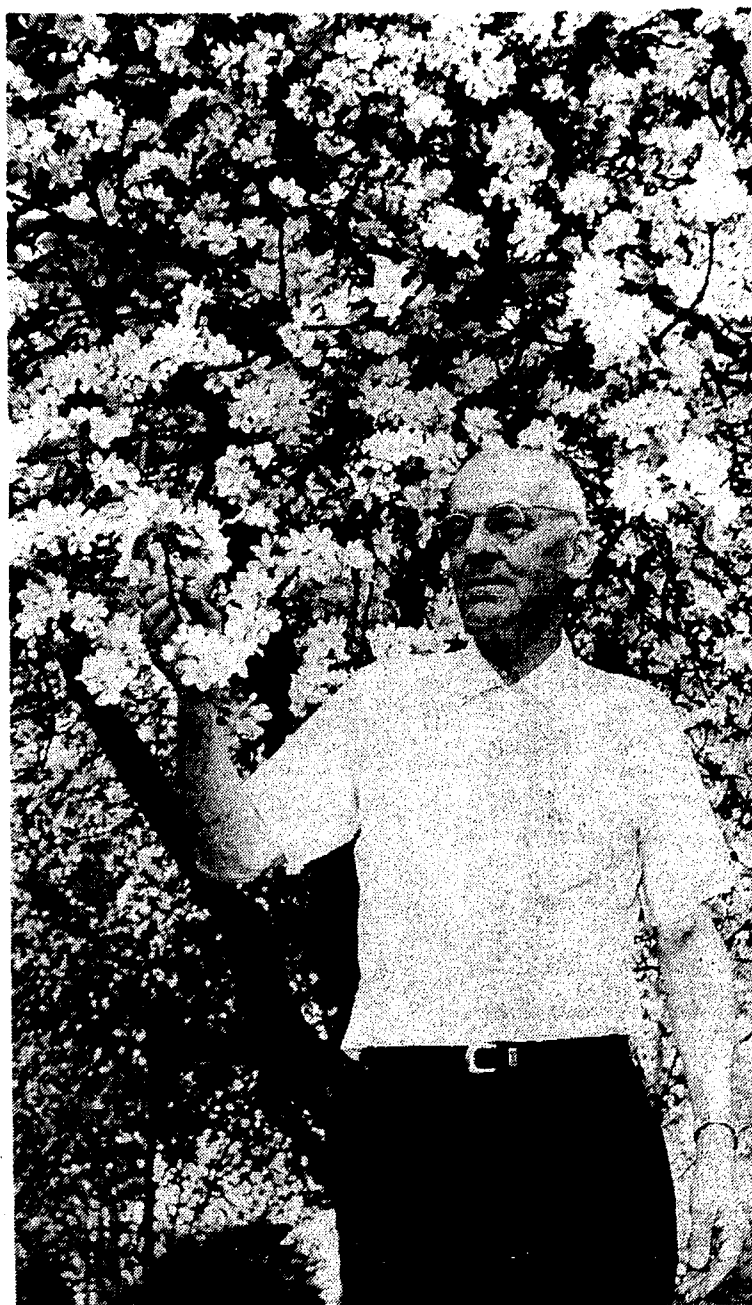
He cited a section of the Michigan Constitution which specifies that items set forth in the budget shall be passed or rejected in either House "before that House passes any appropriation bill for items not in the budget."

Gov. William Milliken did not include recommendation for parochial funds in his budget proposals for the coming fiscal year.

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MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN EVER: Fred L. Granger inspects blossoms on the fruit trees behind his house in Fairplain and finds them the best in memory. Granger's memory takes him back to the early days when the Blossom festival was only a dream. (Staff photo)

Blossoms 'Best Ever' Says Man Who Knows

Our Festival His Idea

By ORVIN JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Fred L. Granger, 80 years old, says of the fruit trees now in blossom "They're the best I've ever seen them." His opinion carries weight coming as it does from the man who in 1923 wrote a letter to Stanley Banyon, then editor of The Benton Harbor News-Palladium, suggesting an annual Blossom Festival.

The idea caught on, and the Blossomtime Festival, now in its 37th year, is still going strong.

Granger, retired food processor who lives at 465 East Napier avenue, Fairplain, recalls that in the 1920's the immediate incentive for the festival was an intensive advertising campaign waged by Georgia peach growers. Taking advantage of the popular vaudeville circuits, the peach growers employed a dozen of Georgia's prettiest girls to dance and sing on stage and at the same time demonstrate to the housewives the advantages of serving a authentic Georgia peaches.

IT CAUGHT ON
The result was that "Georgia peaches" became a household word. And the growers sold their fruit.

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There was a immediate response to the letter but little time to act. The blossoms would open in less than a month.

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festival was to open, the weather tried its best to ruin Granger's dream. A blizzard (See page 19, column 4)



HOSTESS: Tricia Nixon boards presidential yacht Sequoia in Washington Thursday for cruise on Potomac river. President's daughter acted as hostess on trip for Vietnam veterans who are patients in local military hospitals. (AP Wirephoto)

Purses Taken From 2 Women In Strong-Armed Robberies

A St. Joseph woman was thrown to the sidewalk and a Harbor Towers resident pushed up against a wall in the hallway outside her apartment yesterday by youths who stole their purses, Benton Harbor police reported.

One youth was arrested and a warrant was being sought for the arrest of a second in connection with the strong-armed robbery of a purse at Third and Main streets from Mrs. Marion Janke of 714 Botham avenue, St. Joseph.

William Perry Atcher, 16, of 1003 Superior street, who was released from Boys' training school three weeks ago, was arrested on a charge of strong-

armed robbery. A warrant was being sought for a second person, James "Junebug" Jackson, 17.

WHIRLED AROUND

Police said Mrs. Janke was twirled to the sidewalk yesterday afternoon when one of two youths grabbed her purse. Hanging onto the straps of her purse, she was whirled around and thrown to the street. She sustained a bruised ankle and arm.

A second victim, Mrs. Katherine Brandes, 54, had just left her apartment on the fifth floor of Harbor Towers yesterday when a youth struck her in the side and pushed her against the wall, police said. The youth

grabbed her wallet and escaped with \$19.

Det. Sgt. Alfred Edwards said an attempt will be made to waive Atcher into adult court because of the seriousness of his previous record. He will be 17 on June 20, an age that classifies one as an adult offender.

Atcher's record shows arrests for purse-snatching and assault of a Benton township police officer. He was released from boys training school three weeks ago on an after-care program.

Mrs. Janke's purse contained \$11. It was not recovered immediately.

Police said two men came to

the assistance of Mrs. Janke yesterday, but couldn't catch the fleeing figures running up Third street. One man chased a youth until he jumped into a car and rode off, police said.

The man gave a description of the car to police. Atcher was brought to the police station by his father, at the request of police.

He was placed in Berrien county jail.

Search, meanwhile, continued for the youth who grabbed Mrs. Brandes' wallet. She said he was a light-complexioned Negro and had an Afro-American haircut. He was wearing a green turtle neck sweater and dark trousers.

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher
Bert Lindensfeld, Managing Editor

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

All Carriers Service	50¢ per week
Major Route Service	\$2.00 per Month
	In advance
Mail in Britain, Canada, Alaska and West Hawaii Countries	\$20.00 per year
All Other Mail	\$25.00 per year
All mail subscriptions payable in ad- vance	
Mail orders not accepted where carrier service is available	

John Williams Dunn, 41, its at-

WITNESS TESTIFIES IN BAR SLAYING CASE

Your Child Going Off To School?

BH Teachers Write Series For Parents

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first of four articles on preparing children for kindergarten. Four Benton Harbor kindergarten teachers with total teaching experience of 66 years collaborated on the articles which apply to parents and children in all school districts. The teachers explain their purpose in the accompanying letter.

DEAR PARENTS!

The spring season brings among other things, the registration for next fall's class of kindergartners or the high school graduating class of 1963. Parents realize the time is drawing near when their child will be entering school for the first time. The question is often asked, "What can we do to help our child in this first school experience?" For this reason, we kindergarten teachers have prepared a series of articles designed to help you in your endeavor.

In closing, parents, we hope our letter to you will help you in some way and possibly pointed out some positive ways to help your child.

Thank you for the kind five years you have already given your child and we will do all possible to help in his continued growth.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Shirley Hill,
Lafayette school
Mrs. Dorothy Smith,
Nickerson school
Mrs. Fran Kusche,
Calvin Britain school
Mrs. Lorraine Hadlow,
Fairplain East school

The kindergarten is organized to prepare the child emotionally, socially and mentally to make the most of the learning in the next years of his school life where the basic social arts and skills are introduced.

When your child enters kindergarten he is made a member of a large group of children. He finds this a new situation from his life at home where great emphasis has many times been placed upon his own wants and needs. It is necessary for him to make an adjustment and the kindergarten program by varied and rich experiences helps the child to do this. Children come from many varied background experiences, each bringing something to share with the group.

Some of the important things your child will gain from his kindergarten experiences are:

1. He will learn to live and



FIRST EXPERIENCE: Suzie Nower will be producing art like this regularly next fall when she attends kindergarten at Lafayette school. Inspecting the work are her mother, Mrs. Richard Nower (left) and Mrs. Shirley Hill, kindergarten teacher, who collaborated with three other Benton Harbor district teachers in writing series of articles on preparing children for kindergarten. (Staff photo)

work with other boys and girls of his own age.

2. He will find opportunity to use a large variety of materials to help him express his ideas.

3. He will learn to listen and to take part in discussions. By this means he will gain experience in expressing himself clearly and make use of ideas and others.

4. He will have daily contact with pictures, books, stories and simple dramatizations which will help build a reading readiness.

5. These various activities will help him develop good work habits, good listening habits, the ability to follow directions, and the ability to think for himself.

6. He will have many oppor-

tunities to enjoy music and to take part in rhythms, songs, and games.

7. Through these daily activities, he learns to know the satisfaction of work well-done and to take an interest in his surroundings.

8. Most important of all, he is gaining a feeling of security in his group, a feeling that he is needed and depended upon in helping to carry out all group activities and he will build a good image of himself.

Next: Helps to Parents.

BIRTH ANNOUNCED

UNION PIER — Mr. and Mrs. Nick Kotsiomitis, post office box 144, Union Pier, are the parents of a boy born May 4 at St. Anthony hospital in Michigan City, Ind.

Planners Pick Berndt In St. Joe

St. Joseph Planning commission elected Neil Berndt, engineer for John C. Yerington Co., as chairman and Architect Donald McGrath as vice chairman at its meeting last night. The dinner meeting was held at Tosi's restaurant, Ridge road, Stevensville.

Berndt was chairman two years ago and McGrath was chairman last year. McGrath was named vice chairman, a new position.

Gerald Hepler, who serves as secretary of the planning group, urged the group to spend some time on general planning for land use development outside of the specific cases referred to it by the city commission.

Members of the planning commission are James Stock, James Mason, James Heathcote, Doug Landis, M.R. Rushlow, Bud Nowlen and Lee Selent. Hepler, superintendent of the St. Joseph Department of Public Works and Amil Bergo, superintendent of the inspection department, are ex-officio members.

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Woman Is Bound Over At Hearing

Companion Tells Of Overhearing Robbery Plans

By RAY SMETANKA
Staff Writer

Ruby Lee Hill, one of three persons charged with conspiracy to commit armed robbery in the slaying of Benton Harbor tavern owner Robert Russell, was bound over to Circuit court yesterday by Sixth district Judge Harry Laity.

Judge Laity took under advisement the case of her brother, James Lewis Hill, also charged with conspiracy. Another man, Danny Woodall, 27, of 863 Colfax avenue, Benton Harbor, is awaiting examination on a charge of conspiracy.

Russell, 52, was found shot after a robbery early in the morning of April 9 at the Apollo Bar, 150 Territorial road, which he owned and operated. He died several hours later.

At yesterday's preliminary examination, the court heard testimony from Mrs. Farida Edwards of Sebring, Florida, who said she traveled with the three and a younger Hill brother to Florida the day Russell died. Mrs. Edwards had called police upon reaching Tallahassee.

Mrs. Edwards, 28, dressed in a yellow checkered dress, testified that she had spent two days in a Benton Harbor apartment prior to the crime with the defendants, their younger brother, and Kenneth Cunningham.

Cunningham, 32, and Vaughn Ray Rodgers, 30, of Benton Heights, have been charged with first degree murder.

Speaking in a deep southern accent, Mrs. Edwards testified that on the night of the crime, she had heard "bits and pieces" of conversations concerning a robbery.

She said that apparently Ruby Hill and Danny Woodall were "trying to talk Cunningham and Rodgers out of committing a robbery."

"PASSED OUT"

Under cross-examination by Atty. John Ryan, court appointed attorney for James Hill, she said that Hill was not a part of the conversation. She said he had become quite intoxicated and had "passed out" before talk of the robbery began.

However, Mrs. Edwards said she did not call the police because she didn't "know that much until afterwards."

And besides, she said, "They were always talking about robbing some place but they never had done it."

She testified that she went to sleep about 10 or 10:30 p.m. on the night of April 8 and was awakened about 3 a.m. the next morning.

She said there was considerable confusion and that "everybody was telling me to hurry; we had to go."

She said that the group, consisting of herself, Ruby Hill, her brother and Danny Woodall, left by car then for Florida.

Mrs. Edwards said that the group "kept trying to get the news on the radio" saying that they knew Russell had been shot and wanted to find out how his condition was.

Mrs. Edwards quoted Ruby Hill as saying that it wasn't surprising Russell was shot because he had a considerable number of enemies.

ESCAPE TRY FAILS
After deducing what had happened, Mrs. Edwards said that she attempted to break away from the group while in a town in Georgia only to be beaten by Danny Woodall.

After the beating, Mrs. Edwards testified that Ruby Hill said anyone telling about the alleged crime would be killed.

Mrs. Edwards said she eventually was able to contact police when the group reached Tallahassee.

Mrs. Edwards is presently under bond as a material witness and is being housed at the Berrien General hospital, where she was taken for treatment of injuries she allegedly acquired from Woodall's beating. She also has suffered from hepatitis.

Special Assistant Prosecutor Seymour Zaban admitted to Judge Laity that "the case against James Hill is not as strong as that against his sister," considering his intoxicated condition during the alleged crime.

However, Zaban claimed that a statement attributed to Hill

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STATE FLAGS ON STATE STREET: Alan Thar of the forestry department, St. Joseph, this week completed erecting flags of each state on light poles on State street in the St. Joseph business district. Flags have been purchased by the St. Joseph Business division at a cost of approximately \$900. (Staff photo)

BH Board Post Sought By Woman

Sodus Candidate Readies Petitions

Mrs. Ilene Fox, 3090 Hillandale road, Sodus township, today announced her candidacy for the Benton Harbor board of education.

Mrs. Fox said she will file nominating petitions Monday. The deadline for candidates to qualify for the June 9 election is 4 p.m. Monday. Petitions can be filed at the school business office, 240 Jefferson street.

The candidacy of Mrs. Fox sets up a contested election. Incumbents Donald Boerma and Ernest Whiteside have filed nominating petitions. Two terms of four years each are at stake in the election.

Mrs. Fox said she is seeking a seat on the board because "the Benton Harbor school district is such a large area I



MRS. ILENE FOX

feel that outlying areas need representation and should take a more active interest in our system."

Her husband Harold is a fruit grower. They have three children, Susan, 10, Frank, 7, and Mary, 5.

Mrs. Fox, 37, is a registered nurse and relief evening supervisor at St. Joseph Memorial hospital. She is a native of Nebraska a graduate of St. Anthony's School of Nursing, Pendleton, Ore., and has lived in this area 15 years.

A member of the Benton Harbor school district's citizens advisory committee, Mrs. Fox has held several offices in the Chadwick school Parent Teachers organization. Chadwick was closed last November by the board of education for economy reasons to balance the budget.

TROY GI KILLED

WASHINGTON (AP) — Army Spec. 5 Larry H. Brinkley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Brinkley, of Troy, Mich., was among 16 Americans killed in action in Vietnam, the Defense Department reported Thursday.

Private Bus Use Raises Questions

McAlvey Makes Statement On Jr. High Trip

Donald McAlvey, assistant superintendent of instruction of the Benton Harbor school district, said today that use of a privately owned bus to transport Benton Harbor junior high students on a field trip did not violate district transportation policies.

McAlvey commented after there were inquiries about taking students to Greenfield Village in a bus reportedly owned by Maurice Bishop, head of the local Southern Christian Leadership conference. The SCLC has picketed Benton Harbor junior high and Bishop was charged with contributing to the delinquency of minors for allegedly encouraging students to stay out of school.

Bishop recently acquired the bus from the Paw Paw school district.

McAlvey said board of education policy regulates the use of school-owned buses for field trips, but is silent on other means of transportation for field trips.

If a field trip cannot be made within the board policy, the principal is authorized to use his judgment in securing other means of transportation.

A review is being made of the current school district policy and guidelines on field trips by the administration.

Ring Worth \$250 Taken From Store

Benton Harbor police were looking for a woman who walked out of Williams Jewelry, 151 Pipestone street, yesterday with a \$250 diamond wedding ring without paying for it.

Police said Merlin Van Brocklin, a watchmaker, observed the woman pick up a ring and walk towards the door. He told her to put it back and she did — but not a second ring she had apparently picked up at the same time.

Green's Jewelry, 322 State street, St. Joseph, also reported a \$200 wristwatch missing from their display window yesterday. Owners of the store, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Green, said they didn't see anyone take the watch.

New Buffalo Red Cross Tops Quota

NEW BUFFALO — Mrs. Hassen Allie, chairman of the New Buffalo township Red Cross drive, has announced that New Buffalo has topped its quota for this year's campaign reaching a total of \$513.78. This was the first year in a number of years that New Buffalo township was successful in reaching its quota, she said. She commended the volunteer workers, industry and organizations for their cooperation.

School Opinionnaires Are Due In St. Joseph

St. Joseph school officials asked residents to add filling out their "Opinionnaire" among the spring chores that must be done this weekend.

Over 10,000 four-page survey sheets were distributed last Monday by St. Joseph High school students. By Thursday morning 887 had been returned.

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Big Decrease In BH Fire Alarms In April

Results of a new housing inspection program and a sharp decrease in incendiary fires are credited with cutting Benton Harbor fire alarms by more than 37 per cent last month compared to April, 1960.

Fire Chief Ralph Hetherington reported that last April, in disorders following the assassination of Martin Luther King, seven incendiary fires were reported and some other fires may have been set purposely.

But according to Hetherington, this April there were no incendiary fires recorded and

the total numbers of alarms decreased from 71 to 44.

Hetherington indicated that the fire department's inspection program, which it assumed from the department of buildings and inspections earlier this year, was another reason for the decrease.

BIG DECREASE

"We've been concentrating in the Brunson Hill area for the last two months," Hetherington said. "As a result we've noted a decrease in fires there of more than 50 per cent."

He said that there were 18

fires in Brunson Hill in March of 1960 and only 7 this year, and 17 in April 1960 as compared with only 6 this year.

Hetherington said that the inspections have an effect far beyond merely the homes checked personally by the department.

"When people know that we're checking in a certain area, they'll really work to clean up their houses and yards," he said. "And most of the fires basically are the result of poor housekeeping."

Mr. and Mrs. James Tipton, of 631 Pavone, Benton Harbor, Wednesday took the grand championship of the American Kennel Club dog show in Kalamazoo with their 9-month old Boston terrier, "Sir Tipton Bruno."

"Bruno", who was entered in the puppy class, was chosen champion over the winners of four other divisions representing a total of approximately 1,300 dogs.

The victory was rewarding economically also for "Bruno" who received a year's supply of dog food and other supplies, and a \$50 savings bond for his masters.

SURGICAL PATIENT
NEW BUFFALO — Jack Stone, Wilson road, New Buffalo, is a surgical patient at St. Anthony hospital in Michigan City, Ind.

St. Joe School Board To Decide On Millage

BULLETIN

Dr. Dean K. Ray, St. Joseph school board president, filed nominating petitions late this morning and will seek election to a new four-year term on the board.

Report on school election candidates and a decision on whether or not to place a millage issue on the June 9 ballot will highlight the St. Joseph school board meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, in the library of Milton junior high school.

Deadline for filing nominating petitions for residents and re-

turned to the school, in an attempt to determine what support there would be for putting a millage issue on the June 9 ballot. Among questions on the survey form are several pertaining to school finances.

The district presently operates on a 15-mill levy which has one more year to run. The Citizens advisory council has recommended extending the 15 mills for up to five years with annual elections for any additional amounts needed.

This advance voting of funds would avoid "brinkmanship" in chartering school finances, St. Joseph School Supt. Richard Ziehm has said.

School officials are scanning questionnaires presently being filled out by residents and re-

ST. JOSEPH, MICH., FRIDAY, MAY 9, 1969

LAWRENCE SCHOOLS REQUEST 11 MILL LEVY

Four Cases Are Heard By Daines

New Judge Keeps Busy In Van Buren

PAW PAW — During his first day on the bench as judge of the seventh district court in Paw Paw, Judge Luther I. Daines presided over four cases.

In one of the first cases, Ralph Maddox, Jr., no age given, of Lawrence, demanded a preliminary hearing on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon. Maddox was arrested Wednesday in Lawrence township by Van Buren county sheriff's deputies. They said they found a .25 caliber automatic pistol in the car. Bond was set at \$500.

Van F. Johns, 19, Baroda, pleaded guilty to a charge of simple larceny. Johns admitted taking an antique rifle from a Keeler township home April 29. He was released on his own recognizance pending presentence investigation.

William Rowlin, no age given, Hartford, demanded examination on a charge of statutory rape. He also requested that the court appoint an attorney for him. His bond was set at \$3,000 and the preliminary hearing was set for May 16 at 10 a.m. He was arrested by Hartford village police on March 25.

John Dovovan, no age given, Bloomingdale, pleaded guilty to a charge of malicious destruction and paid fine and costs of \$18. He was arrested yesterday by sheriff's deputies for kicking in the door of a Bloomingdale home.

Sluggers Strike Out At Gobles

Baseball Banned In City Park

GOBLES — Boys no longer may play baseball in the city park. Some neighboring home owners complained to city commissioners that errant baseballs had shattered their windows. So the city commission last night ordered police officers to enforce a ban on ballplaying in the park and direct all ballplayers to the school playground which is not so closely hemmed in by houses.

The commission had a good word for Scoutmaster Richard Ward and Troop 71 Boy Scouts. It was voted to send a letter of thanks to the scouts for cleaning up shattered glass around a vacant service station near the school. The scouts also boarded up the empty windows of the vandalized service station.

Mayor Martin Van Strien will check into the legal implications of the city's having old and unoccupied homes burned down to get rid of the buildings. Commissioners discussed the leveling of two such dilapidated homes because they are a hazard to children who play in them.

The firm of Sidnam & Lyle of Kalamazoo will be notified to audit city books after July 1.

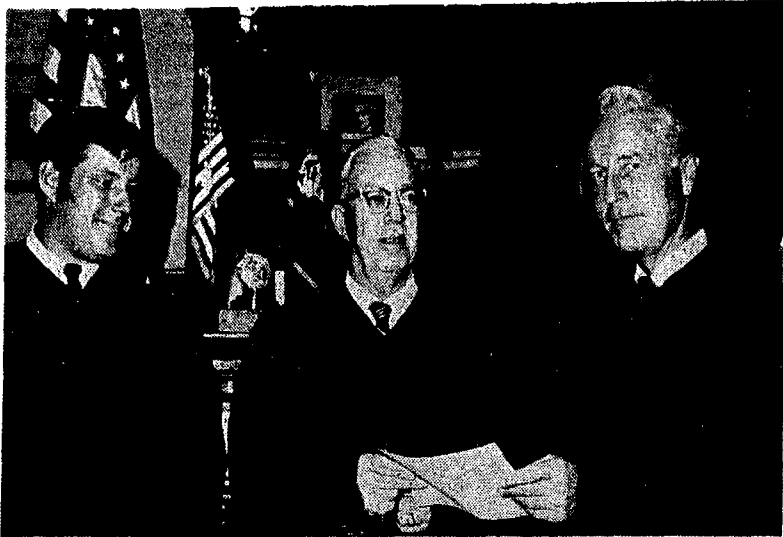
Commissioners authorized Delano Rose Roofing Co., Gobles, to repair roofs on city buildings for \$150, gave permission to Veterans of Foreign Wars post 1214 to sell poppies in the city May 23 and 24 and authorized purchase of 20 gallons of yellow paint for no-parking zones on curbs.

Bills totaling \$2,507 were approved.

Veterans' Group Plans Car Wash

The Lake Michigan College Veterans association wants to donate a flag pole and accessories at the school's new campus opening in June.

And to raise money for the project the veterans will stage a car wash from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. It will be on the parking lot of Hilltop Foods, 1332 Hilltop road, St. Joseph, according to Lester D. Baugher, St. Joseph, chairman for the wash.



NEW JUDGE: Judge Luther I. Daines (right) looks over written oath of office with Van Buren Circuit Judge David Anderson, Jr. (center) and Judge Donald Goodwillie, Jr. (left), of South Haven district court after Daines was sworn in Thursday as seventh district judge of Paw Paw court. Judge Anderson administered oath in ceremony in circuit court room. Judge Daines was appointed Monday by Gov. Milliken to serve until 1971. (Staff photo)

Pleads Guilty To Striking Teacher

Hassle Over New Buffalo School Policy

A Grand Beach man, William Hatfield, 27, of 15 McKean street, pleaded guilty in Fifth District court Thursday to a charge of assault and battery stemming from an attack on the principal of New Buffalo high school.

District Judge John Hammond who heard the case in St. Joseph, placed Hatfield on a pre-sentence bond of \$100.

Hatfield is accused of striking Principal Ronald Morrison during an altercation at the school about 8:20 a.m. Thursday. It was reported to have started when Hatfield went to the school to find out why his eighth-grade daughter could not attend the junior prom.

School Superintendent Myron Reyher said school policy dictates that junior high students are not permitted to attend high school dances. Reyher said the girl had been told of the policy after she had been asked to attend as a date of a high school student.

According to Reyher, the principal was struck, but not seriously hurt and continued at work. Several faculty members nearby "entered the encounter and it was over as quickly as it began," said Reyher.

Grant Goes To Teacher At LMC



Lake Michigan College Chemistry Instructor Clark L. Bair has been awarded an \$850 grant to take part in a 10-week National Science Foundation research participation program at Louisiana State university at Baton Rouge this summer.

He will start his summer study program on June 9 and will conduct his research in the field of electron spin resonance as a tool in studying molecular structure.

His research will be one of several sequential summer programs for him leading to a doctor of philosophy degree at Louisiana State.

Bair joined the LMC faculty in 1968. He holds a bachelor of science degree from Kansas State university and a master of science degree from University of Wisconsin.

Truck, Car Smashup Injures 13

Seven Persons Are Hospitalized

DECATUR — Van Buren county sheriff's deputies today continued to investigate the collision last night of a pickup truck carrying 11 migrant workers and children and a young Dowagiac area couple's car, injuring all 13 persons.

Seven were hospitalized and six others were released after hospital treatment.

Deputies said the collision occurred about 6:10 p.m. on M-40 at 92nd avenue five miles southwest of Decatur in Hamilton township.

TRUCK, CAR COLLIDE

According to the deputies' report, the accident occurred when a pickup truck driven by Roy Lee Knox, route 2, Greenburg, La., on 92nd avenue struck a car driven on M-40 by Richard Janssen, 20, route 3, Dowagiac.

Knox told deputies that the brakes of his truck failed as he tried to stop at the intersection.

Both Janssen and his wife, Cindy, 19, were taken to Dowagiac Lee Memorial hospital and later transferred to South Bend Memorial hospital. He is reported in satisfactory condition while his wife was reported in fair condition this morning.

CRITICAL CONDITION

One passenger in the pickup truck, Fronzia Knox, 18, also was taken to South Bend Memorial hospital and is reported in critical condition. The driver of the pickup truck was treated at the Dowagiac hospital and released. Four other passengers who were riding in the cab of the truck were admitted to Lee Memorial hospital. Linda Knox, 10, is reported in fairly good condition, Jerry Johns, 12, is reported in good condition, Reyfield Washington, Jr., 13, is listed in good condition and Yolanda Villarrel, 2, is reported in fair condition.

Five other children who were believed riding in the back of the truck were treated at Lee Memorial hospital and released. They are: Jerome Knox, 8; Henry Johns, 8; Charles Knox, 7; Brenda Knox, 12, and Lonnie Knox, 5.

All the passengers and the driver are migrants living on the Joseph Hassle farm on 60th street near Hartford.

Scholarship For LMC Graduate

An annual \$250 scholarship to Western Michigan university will be awarded soon to an accounting major graduating from Lake Michigan college this spring.

The grant was given to LMC by Crowe, Chizek and Co., certified public accounting firm of South Bend, through the department of accounting at WMU, according to Charles M. Hedges, LMC business administration instructor.

The winner will be selected by the LMC business administration faculty and announced on May 20, Hedges stated.

Voters To Decide June 9

Three-Mill Tax Will Be Applied Only If Needed

LAWRENCE — Lawrence school district residents will vote June 9 on 11 operating mills, including the renewal of eight mills and three additional mills.

The Lawrence board of education agreed on the number of mills to be sought during its regular meeting last night.

A public meeting to discuss the millage issue has been scheduled for 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 3, in the high school library.

ONLY IF NEEDED

School Superintendent Wesley Harding said voters will be asked for permission to levy the additional millage. Harding said this means that the mills would be levied by the district, only if the money is needed. He said this will depend largely on the amount received here in state aid. The aid for the district next year is not yet known.

The millage is to be requested for a three-year period, 1969-71, Harding said.

The eight mills expired last December, and the district currently has a three-mill extra voted levy, in addition to 8.68 allocated mills and 6.5 mills for debt retirement, for a total of 13.18 mills.

Among five candidates for two board vacancies June 9 will be Horace Hutchins, board secretary, who earlier indicated that he did not intend to seek re-election. It was reported that Hutchins now is a candidate. Petitions are being circulated in his behalf.

Other candidates are Lester Zoodsma, Mrs. Wilbur Perkins, Robert Carpp and Frank Owen. Carlyle Wassman, board president, announced earlier that he will not seek re-election.

The deadline for filing nominating petitions is 4 p.m. next Monday.

ELECTION BOARD

Named to the election board were Mrs. Sydney Norris, Mrs. Richard Poland, Mrs. LaDoy Day and Mrs. Carl Whiteman.

In other business, the board voted to continue a remedial reading program, financed under the elementary and secondary education act and taught by Mrs. Lester Hagberg.

Discussed were prospects of the purchase by the district of property owned by Mr. and Mrs. Harvie Stanley on Red Arrow highway just west of the school grounds. Hired as bus drivers were Mrs. Roger VanderMolen and Henry Stelling.

Approved were bills totaling \$10,216.28.

Mrs. Donna Curtiss, high school principal, reported that she has agreed to serve on the publications committee of the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals.



SGT. ROBERT McVEIGH

Paw Paw Soldier Gets Purple Heart

PAW PAW — Army Sgt. Robert J. McVeigh, 20, son of Mrs. Dorothy McVeigh of 203 Glenview drive, Paw Paw, and the late W.J. McVeigh, was awarded the Purple Heart in ceremonies held in Vietnam.

Sgt. McVeigh was presented the award for wounds suffered in action against hostile forces in Vietnam.

He is a squad leader in Company D, 5th Battalion, 7th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile).



TRICYCLE BUILT FOR TWO: Mrs. Gay Keefer pedals three-wheeled vehicle while her four-year-old grandson, Mike, gets a ride in the rumble seat and eats an ice cream cone. Mike's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Carl Keefer of 127 South Harrison street, New Buffalo. Don Wehner photo)

Lakeshore To Discuss Dismissal Of Bickford

On Agenda For Monday

Nine Lakeshore school district citizens, known as the Lakeshore Group of Nine, are continuing their quest for improved communications between the public and Lakeshore board of education.

Formed after the departure of former superintendent Edward Stafinski last December, the group now is concerned with reasons behind the apparent dismissal of high school Principal Raymond Bickford at the end of the current school year.

Bill Marohn, spokesman for the group, said, "We have managed to get the Ray Bickford dismissal case on the agenda for Monday night's school board. All Citizens of the Lakeshore school district are urged to attend the meeting."

The board meeting is 8 p.m. Monday, in Lakeshore high school. The board meets regularly the second and fourth Monday of each month.

The citizens' group formed after the school board decided not to renew Stafinski's contract and attempted to secure reasons for the board action. The group emphasized that its quest was for communications and not to get Stafinski back on the job.

Principal Bickford in April said the board had decided not to renew his contract. He said no reasons were given him by the board.

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The board has not voted on Bickford's status during a regular meeting.

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The board reported that the petitions had no bearing on the vote last night, which was based solely on a legal opinion as to how such an election may be called. Attorney Childs ruled that the action approved by the board and citizens at the township meeting was not valid.

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Chikaming Won't Vote Third Time

Charter Township Election Ruled Out

LAKESIDE — The Chikaming township board in a special meeting last night voted not to hold a third election on a charter township issue.

The vote was three to one and followed an opinion by the township attorney that such an election can only be called by a vote of the township board, or through petitions, signed by a necessary number of citizens.

The legal opinion by Attorney T.D. Childs of Three Oaks overruled a decision made by the board and some 40 citizens present during the annual township meeting last April. A vote then was taken to hold an election by Aug. 1 on forming a charter township form of government.

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Girl Dies In I-94 Crash

PORTAGE (AP) — Della Coulter, 6, of Kenosha, Wis., was killed early today when a car driven by her mother, Joanne, 38, collided with another auto on a I-94 entrance ramp in Portage.

Mrs. Coulter, her 17-year-old son, Daniel, and 15-year-old daughter, Denia, were hospitalized in poor condition. The driver of the other auto, Robert Lee Vandenberg, 21, of nearby Kalamazoo, escaped injury.